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## **Drawings**

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the rack and pinion for advancing (Claim 12) and releasing the lock (Claim 14) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the quality does not adequately illustrate the invention. For example, the rack and pinion for advancing and releasing the lock are not adequately presented in the drawings.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filling date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

# Claim Objections

Claim 2 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. This claim does not further limit claim 1 but is a duplication of claim 1, line 5.

Claims 12, 14, and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities: "using a rack and pinion for advancing" and "releasing a lock after advancing" are not properly illustrated, making understanding the invention difficult.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

<sup>(</sup>b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1, 2, 10, 13, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vallet (4791986).

Vallet discloses a one-trip method of tensioning and sealing a tubular string 14 to a wellhead 10 comprising running the string and a seal 24 into the wellhead 10; securing the string downhole, via locating pin 36; securing the seal to the wellhead (fig. 4); applying and retaining a tensile force on the string (col. 3, lines 56-57) after securing with pin 36; pulling a tensile force before positioning the seal (hanging on hook 42); advancing the seal after pulling of the tensile force (col. 3, lines 54-64); using a running tool 44; securing the seal to a hanger 18; and securing the hanger and seal to the wellhead.

# Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-9, 11, and 18-20 are allowed.

Claims 12, 14, and 17 are objected due to informalities with the drawings and the written description. Specifically the written description does not overcome the lack of detail needed to understand the invention.

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## Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 25 November 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner contends Vallet does disclose the invention as claimed since the tensile force is applied after securing, with pin 36, but prior to compressing ring 24 with pin 38.

The examiner considers the drawing details to be critical. Non-compliance with this request may be considered a non-responsive amendment.

#### Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-7034. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F, 9-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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